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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NEPAL AND FARAKKA

A) DACCA 6743; B) KATHMANDU 5197 (NOTAL)

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL HARUNUR RASHID IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNSELOR DECEMBER 1 EXPANDED AND IN ONE CASE CORRECTED STATEMENT BY ADVISOR SHAMSUL HUQ ON INDIAN AGREEMENT TO BRING NEPAL INTO THE GANGES ISSUE. HARUN SAID THAT SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE THERE WAS NO SEPARATE LETTER ON THE SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO HARUN, THE INDIANS PLACED AN INTER-
PRETATION ON ARTICLE IX AND X OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE ANY CONSIDERATION OF LONG-TERM SOLUTION PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD INVOLVE ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN INDIA AND BANGLADESH. INDIA, SAID HARUN, WANTED TO DEAL ONLY WITH BANGLADESH AND WOULD DEAL SEPARATELY AND BILATERALLY WITH NEPAL IF THIS WERE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.

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3. AT A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI, WITH HARUN PRESENT, B.M. ABBAS BROUGHT THIS UP WITH DESAI SAYING THAT IF NEPALESE STORAGE AREAS WERE A POSSIBILITY FOR A LONG TERM SOLUTION THE NEPALIS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE WORKING SESSIONS OF THE JOINT RVIERS COMMISSION OR AT LEAST CONSULTED AS STUDIES ADVANCED. MEHTA IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD DESAI THAT THE COMMISSION WAS BILATERAL

AND THAT NEPALESE PARTICIPATION AND CONSIDERATION OF SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE WORKS ON NEPALESE TERRITORY WERE EXCLUDED. HARUN SAID THAT DESAI REACTED IMMEDIATELY SAYING THE EXCLUSION OF NEPAL WAS IMPRACTICAL AND OVERRULED MEHTA. HARUN SAID THAT SO FAR AS HE KNEW THIS WAS ORAL AND HAD NOT BEEN REDUCED TO WRITING.

4. HARUN SAID THAT DURING THE JUST COMPLETED VISIT OF THE NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER THE SUBJECT OG GANGES WATERS WAS BROUGHT UP BUT NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. HE ADDED THAT BANGLADESH WANTED TO BE HELPFUL TO NEPAL ON SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSSHIPMENT NOW IN THE HOPE OF FUTURE COOPERATION ON THE GANGES.

5. COMMENT: AS BANGLADESH ASSUMES INDIA WILL PRESS FOR A BRAHMAPUTRA-GANGES LINK CANAL (WHICH BANGLADESH OPPOSES), THE DESAI DECISION IS SEEN BY MFA AS A VICTORY FOR BANGLADESH.
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